

*John A. Davis*

MINUTES  
—OF THE—  
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
—OF THE—  
ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
—HELD WITH THE—  
CHURCH AT SEVEN SPRINGS,

WAYNE COUNTY, N. C.

October 10, 11 and 12, 1893.

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NEXT SESSION:

To be held with the Antioch Baptist Church, Antioch, Pitt County, N. C.,  
October 16, 1894. Rev. C. A. Jenkins to preach the Introductory  
Sermon; Rev. J. H. Hiden, Alternate.

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## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

### MODERATOR:

Rev. J. T. Albritton, ..... Mount Olive, N. C.

### CLERK :

J. B. Williams, Sr., ..... Snow Hill, N. C.

### TREASURER:

J. C. Whitty, ..... NewBern, N. C.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

J. C. Whitty, Chairman ..... NewBern, N. C.  
M. S. Webb, T. A. Bell, J. E. Peterson, Rufus Ford,  
J. W. Biddle, J. B. Holland.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. T. Albritton,	Mount Olive, N. C.
Rufus Ford,	NewBern, N. C.
C. J. Nelson,	Goldsboro, N.C.
C. A. Jenkins,	" "
G. L. Finch,	" "
C. S. Burgess,	Bayboro, N. C.
J. D. Moore,	Beaufort, N. C.
J. W. Nobles,	Silver Dale, N. C.
T. J. Leary,	Morehead City, N. C.
Benj. Ward,	Marines, N. C.
J. W. Rose,	NewBern, N. C.
E. C. Bobbitt,	Smyrna, N. C.
R. D. Carroll,	Winterville, N. C.
D. F. Aman,	Kinston, N. C.
A. L. Stough,	Morehead City, N. C.
J. H. Hiden,	Pollocksville, N. C.
J. H. Vernon,	Smyrna, N. C.
B. H. Mathews,	

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be known as the "Atlantic Baptist Association."

2. It shall be composed of the pastors and of the delegates elected by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates unless the membership shall exceed fifty, and then there shall be an additional delegate for every twenty-five members.

3. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by securing the co-operation of its churches for their edification and for the spread of the gospel according to our faith and order.

4. The "New Hampshire Declaration of Faith" shall be the summary of Divine Truth for determining questions of faith or order in this body; and churches desiring to be received must signify their acceptance of it, in substance, together with the covenant herewith submitted, and this Constitution.

5. This Association shall not annul the discipline of a church, or exercise authority over it. But it may advise, and it may sever from its connection any church that neglects to preserve gospel order, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.

6. Each church shall send to the Association, at its annual session, a statement of (1) its locality; (2) the name of its pastor, clerk, clerk's post-office, delegates and ministers other than the pastor; (3) the Sunday or Sundays of regular service; (4) the church statistics; (5) Sunday School statistics; (6) contributions to pastor's salary; church expenses, Association Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Minute Fund, other objects.

7. Whenever a church shall not represent itself at an annual session of the Association, either by delegate or letter, or whenever a church shall not report something contributed for missions, inquiry shall be made for the cause; effort shall be made to revive the church and induce it to do its duty, and this effort shall be continued till the church be recovered or dropped from this Association.

8. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, elected annually by ballot from among its members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, the Moderator in presiding, the Clerk in recording and preserving minutes and other papers belonging to the body, and the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing according to its will all funds belonging to or entrusted to the body.

9. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of seven, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of the Associational Missions, and any other work which this body may refer to them, and who shall, as far as practicable, co-operate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association take such action as may seem to them advisable for the advancements of its objects.

The Board shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a report of all its proceedings, with the Treasurer's report of all receipts and disbursements, and with the names of its missionaries, time of service and details of their work.

10. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Tuesday after the 2nd Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen, and an Introductory sermon shall be delivered on the first day of the session. Representatives from a majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum.

11. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

SEVEN SPRINGS, WAYNE COUNTY, N. C.,  
Tuesday, 1:30 P. M., Oct. 10, 1893.

The Atlantic Baptist Association met in its Tenth Annual Session with the Seven Springs Baptist Church; Rev. J. T. Albritton, Moderator in the chair, J. B. Williams, Sr., Clerk and J. C. Whitty, Treasurer.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Rose.

The Moderator appointed C. J. Rivenbark and G. L. Finch reading clerks, and W. R. Simmons, R. D. Carroll and J. E. Peterson a Committee on Finance.

Letters from the Churches were read, and the following delegates were enrolled.

*Antioch*—G. E. Jackson, R. D. Carroll and F. Q. Cox.  
*Ayden*—W. J. Mumford and E. F. Mumford.

*Beaufort*—Rev. J. D. Moore.

*Bay Creek*—

*Bayboro*—Rev. C. E. Burgess.  
*Cool Springs*—Rev. J. W. Nobles.

*Capernaum*—Rev. J. W. Nobles.

*Christian Hope*—R. W. Greer.

*Cove*—Fred White, Jr.

*Davis Shore*—Rev. B. Ward.

*Enon*—Rev. B. Ward.

*Eureka*—Rev. C. J. Nelson.

*Emmaus*—Newman Potts, Willie King and W. T. Smith.

*Falling Creek*—J. B. Grantham, G. P. Britt, T. I. Sutton.

*Fort Barnwell*—H. L. Wooten.

*Goldsboro, 1st Church*—Rev. C. A. Jenkins, Rev. C. J.

Nelson, J. E. Peterson, C. J. Rivenbark and H. T. Jones.

*Goldsboro, 2d Church*—Revs. G. L. Finch, L. E. Johnson.

*Kinston*—Rev. A. L. Stough.

*LaGrange*—Rev. R. D. Carroll, Simeon Wooten, Geo. W.

Bizzell and C. S. Wooten.

*Mt. Calvary*—Rev. J. T. Albritton, G. W. Parker, Chas.

Parker.

*Morehead City*—M. S. Webb and I. D. Wade.

*Moore's Chapel*—

*Mundine*—

*New Bern*—Rev. R. Ford, Rev. J. W. Rose, J. C. Whitty.

*Pollocksville*—T. A. Bell.

## BY-LAWS.

1. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.
3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand.
4. The Clerk shall record and read the proceedings when called for, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them, and have it present at each annual session, and deliver to his successor all papers belonging to the body.
5. Members desiring to speak, shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.
6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission.
7. The roll of members shall be called at least once, and absences marked.
8. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats, with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.
9. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also one to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1429 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.
10. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."
11. The Report of the Executive Board, and the Missionary work of the Association, shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.
12. The General Order of Business shall be:
  1. Reading church letters and enrollment of delegates.
  2. Election of officers.
  3. Petitionary letters.
  4. Appointment of committees for this session.
  5. Appointment of standing committees.
  6. Report of committees on churches delinquent at the previous session.
  7. Reports of standing committees.
  8. Reports of other committees.
  9. Miscellaneous business.

Piney Grove, Jones—J. L. Harrison.  
 Piney Grove, Onslow—Rev. J. W. Nobles, M. E. Morton.  
 Providence—Rev. Benj. Ward.  
 Snow Hill—  
 Seven Springs—Emanuel Jarman, S. D. Bird, W. R. Simmons.  
 Smyrna—  
 Trenton—  
 Union—W. E. Wooten.  
 Vandemere—  
 Woodville—

On motion, it was ordered by the Association, that the Clerk should cast the vote of the Association for Rev. J. T. Albritton as Moderator. It was done accordingly.

Rev. G. L. Finch was directed by the Association to cast its vote for J. B. Williams, Sr. as Clerk and J. C. Whitty as Treasurer. They were declared elected.

Moved, That the Moderator appoint the following committees:

PETITIONARY LETTERS—Revs. C. J. Nelson, C. A. Jenkins, J. W. Rose.  
 DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Rev. G. L. Finch and the Deacons of this Church  
 PLACE AND PREDICER—M. S. Webb, G. W. Parker and J. B. Grantham.  
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—Rev. J. H. Vernon, G. E. Britt and G. P. Britt.  
 BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION and SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—  
 Rev. J. W. Rose, J. E. Peterson and Rev. Benj. Ward.

Moved, That the Moderator appoint Rev. E. J. Edwards in place of Rev. J. H. Edwards on Orphanage; Rev. C. A. Jenkins, chairman, in place of Rev. Duncan McLeod on Home Missions; Rev. W. T. Jones in place of Rev. H. C. Moore, on Periodicals; C. J. Rivenbark in place of Dr. R. H. Lewis, on Sunday Schools.

Moved, That Bro. E. J. Edwards be allowed to present the claims of the Orphanage on to-morrow immediately after the Executive Committee's Report shall be disposed of.

Moved, That Rev. C. Durham be allowed to take up a collection after the Introductory Sermon to-night, to pay the debt now resting on this church.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: That the Association meet at 9:30 a. m. for prayer and praise to continue until 10 a. m. Adjourn at 12:30. Meet in afternoon at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure. Meet at night at 7:30, and adjourn at will.

Visiting brethren: J. B. Brewer (West Chowan Association), E. J. Edwards (Orphanage), F. P. Hobgood and F. W. Hancock (Flat River Association), and W. T. Jones (Sandy Creek) were cordially invited by the Moderator to participate in the proceedings of the Association.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters made the following report :

Your Committee having examined the petitionary letters from the Second Baptist Church of Goldsboro, Cove Baptist Church and Vandemere Baptist Church, and having found them regularly organized, recommend their admission into the body. Respectfully submitted,

C. J. NELSON,  
 J. W. ROSE,  
 C. A. JENKINS,  
 Committee.

The Report was adopted, and the right hand of fellowship given by the Moderator to the delegates of said churches.

The request of Providence Church, "That it be granted a letter to join the Eastern Baptist Association," was granted, and the Clerk was ordered to prepare said letter and forward it to Providence Church.

The Report on Ministerial Relief Board was read by Rev. G. L. Finch, and adopted as follows :

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

The needy condition of many of our aged and infirm ministers, who have given their lives to the service of the Master should appeal to our tenderest sympathies and call forth from us in a substantial way responses that will enable them to relieve their necessities, and spend the time that remains to them on earth in comfort. Your Committee would recommend that the pastors of this Association be requested to give their Churches an opportunity of contributing to this work at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. FINCH, Chairman.

The Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

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#### NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 7:30 p. m., by the Moderator. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Rufus Ford from a part of the 20th verse of the 28th chapter of Matthew: "The Promised Presence of Christ."

According to previous motion, Dr. Durham presented the claims of this Church and took up a collection for the same amounting to \$70.36.

The Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, a. m.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1893.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Vernon from 9:30 to 10 o'clock. The Moderator called the Association to order at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees for the next year, 1894.

On Foreign Missions—C. A. Jenkins, G. W. Parker, W. E. Wooster.  
 On Home Missions—J. W. Rose, R. W. Greer, G. E. Jackson.  
 On State Missions—J. D. Moore, C. J. Greenbank, T. I. Sutton.  
 On Sunday Schools—M. S. Webb, H. T. Jones, E. F. Mumford.  
 On Temperance—W. T. Jones, F. O. Cox, Fred White, Jr.  
 On Ministerial Education—J. H. Biden, Newman Potts, Benj. Ward.  
 On Orphanage—C. J. Nelson, G. P. Britt, J. L. Harrison.  
 On Periodicals—J. H. Vernon, W. T. Smith, W. J. Mumford.  
 On Ministerial Relief Board—R. D. Carroll, J. B. Grantham, W. R. Simmons.

The following visiting brethren, viz: E. E. Hilliard, representing Wake Forest College; J. C. Caddell, the *Recorder*; B. S. Peterson, *N. C. Baptist*; C. Durham and J. H. Mills, the Orphanage, were cordially invited by the Moderator to participate in the business of the Association.

Moved, That Ministerial and General Education be made the special order for to-night.

The Report of the Executive Board was read by J. C. Whitty and that of State or Associational Missions by J. H. Vernon. After the reading of these reports it was moved, That the pledges of the Churches be now taken for State or Associational Missions, and that Bro. J. C. Whitty, chairman of the Executive Board, be authorized to visit the Churches in the Association in behalf of our mission work, defraying his expenses out of the funds of the Board. After being discussed by brethren Whitty, Durham, Ford, Ward and Rose the reports and the resolution were adopted.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

During the past year the Board has had the services of the following Missionaries, viz: Rev. G. L. Finch in Lenoir and Wayne counties; Rev. R. D. Carroll in Pitt and Craven; Rev. J. H. Heldrich in Pamlico up to

June, since then Rev. C. S. Burgess; Rev. J. H. Vernon in Jones county; Revs. B. Ward, J. W. Nobles, D. F. Aman in Onslow county; and the Rev. B. H. Matthews in the territory East of Beaufort.

So far as the reports have come to this Board, the work of these brethren have been satisfactory; they have been faithful and self-sacrificing. We feel the need of keeping, so far as possible, these brethren at work in our Association, but in order to do this, we need, at least, \$1200, and to secure this we must depend upon the hearty co-operation of the individual members of the Churches of our Association. What we need is to be thoroughly organized, every Church and every individual doing their full duty and taking a personal interest in the matter. It should be a source of gratification to those whose hearts are in the work to know that new Churches are being organized and houses of worship are being built and as these developments show themselves, we are reminded that there are other destitute places crying for help. Let us go to our respective homes determined to get more of the Missionary spirit disseminated among the brethren, feeling assured that God is ever ready to bless such efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. WHITTY,  
 J. E. PETERSON,  
 RUFUS FORD,  
 T. A. BELL,  
 M. S. WEBB.

#### REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report. That this department of our work is being vigorously prosecuted. The great success attending the efforts put forth, is assuring. Enlarged and more faithful endeavor should be our motto. A consecrated membership is a necessity in giving success and stability first at home, then in the "regions beyond." The essential need to-day is unity, a power to blend and hold our members in hearty sympathy and co-operation. God grant us the witnessing spirit in our endeavor to save the people. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. VERNON, Chairman.

Moved, That the time for adjournment be extended in order to complete these reports.

On call of the roll of Churches the following pledges were made for 1894:

Antioch	\$ 25 00	LaGrange	5 00
Ayden	4 00	Mt. Calvary	10 00
Beaufort	10 00	Morrehead City	25 00
Bayboro	10 00	Moore's Chapel	2 00
Cool Springs	3 00	New Bern	500 00
Capernaum	3 00	Piney Grove (Jones)	4 00
Christian Hope	2 50	Piney Grove (Onslow)	5 00
Davis Shore	2 00	Snow Hill	5 00
Enon	5 00	Smyrna	5 00
Emanuel	4 00	Seven Springs	10 00
Bay Creek	3 00	Trenton	5 00
Falling Creek	10 00	Union	10 00
Fort Barnwell	5 00	Vandemere	6 00
First Goldsboro	100 00	Total	\$838 50
Second Goldsboro	10 00		
Kinston	50 00		

## INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

G. L. Finch \$5, Emanuel Jarman \$5, W. R. Simmons \$5, E. E. Hilliard \$1 paid, P. P. Hobgood \$1, A. H. Daly \$1, J. H. Mills \$1 paid, J. B. Brewer \$1, F. W. Hancock \$1, B. S. Peterson \$1, Recorder about \$10. Pledges unpaid \$30; paid \$2. Total \$32.

On motion, The Association adjourned at 1:15 o'clock, p.m., to meet again at 2:35 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION—WEDNESDAY.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 2:35 p. m.

The Report on Thomasville Orphanage, prepared by Rev. E. J. Edwards, was read by the Clerk, and after being discussed by brethren J. H. Mills and J. C. Whitty was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

One hundred and twenty Orphans are in the Orphan Houses at Thomasville. They are dependent on the Baptist people of North Carolina for food, clothing and instruction. Whatever you would have done for your orphans, you ought to do for these. Respectfully submitted,

E. J. EDWARDS, Chairman.

Moved, That Bro. Whitty take up a collection for the Orphanage. A collection was taken up in accordance with resolution and \$13.83 in cash was obtained, and individual pledges (to be paid in 30 days) \$19.25. Total \$33.08.

The Report on Periodicals was read by W. T. Jones, and after being discussed by Bro. Caddell was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The powers of darkness have always attempted to offset and to overcome the forces of truth. As light had come into the world, the agencies for evil have been the more employed for the continuation of darkness.

Among the great forces that make against the truth, is that of evil literature. The ingenious seductiveness of bad literature is appalling to the thoughtful. It comes often in the garb of religion. As disseminators of truth, we must see to it that wholesome reading matter is put into the hands of those over whom we exercise care.

*The Biblical Recorder*, one of the great light bearers, is the organ of our North Carolina Baptists. No other paper can take its place. No North Carolina Baptist can afford to be without it.

*Charity and Children*, the representative paper of our Orphanage also merits our patronage. Respectfully submitted,

M. T. JONES, Chairman.

The claims of Wake Forest College and *The Student* were very eloquently and forcibly presented by Bro. E. E. Hilliard and those of the *N. C. Baptist* by Bro. B. S. Peterson.

The Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

## NIGHT SESSION—WEDNESDAY.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 7:30 p. m.

The Report on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. Rufus Ford, and after being discussed by brethren Ford and Caddell was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report on Ministerial Education submit the following:

We believe in a divine call to the gospel ministry. No man takes this office upon himself, but as Paul says, Christ Jesus *puts* him into the ministry.

Once a man is called by The Spirit into this work, we believe that he should study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth.

In order that our young men who say they are called of God to this work, and who are approved by their respective Churches, may cultivate their minds, we, as a denomination, have organized an Educational Board whose duty it is to receive such brethren at Wake Forest College and help them in the matter of their education.

This Board has an history which we ask our brethren and sisters to examine and study. At present this Board is supporting thirty-five young brethren, and the only source of help to which it can look in order to carry on this work is the money sent in by the churches.

The present need is very great—the most pressing since 1861. In the judgment of your Committee, if this work of Ministerial Education is allowed to suffer then we shall feel it in every department of our denominational work. We do not believe in an educational qualification for the Ministry, but we do believe in an Educated Ministry. If we are to hold our present exalted position among Christian denominations and keep pace with the sweeping progress of events then we must educate our young men or perish in our own prosperity. Financially, times are hard, but, denominationally, times will be harder if we neglect this all important work.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS FORD, Chairman.

On roll call of churches the following pledges were made for 1894:

Antioch.....	\$ 8 00	New Bern.....	25 00
Ayden.....	2 00	Pollocksville.....	5 00
Beaufort.....	5 00	Piney Grove (Jones).....	5 00
Cove.....	1 00	Piney Grove (Onslow).....	1 00
Bayboro.....	2 00	Snow Hill.....	1 00

Bay Creek.....	1 00	Smyrna .....	2 00
Emmaus.....	1 00	Seven Springs.....	1 00
First Goldsboro.....	35 00	Trenton.....	1 00
Second Goldsboro.....	2 50	Union.....	2 50
Kinston.....	15 00	Vandemere.....	1 00
Falling Creek.....	2 50		
Mt. Calvary.....	2 50	Total Pledges.....	\$134 00
Morehead City.....	12 00		

Moved, That Bro. Durham take up collection to aid the Ministerial Board at once. He did so, getting in cash \$2.95 and Bro. H. B. Duffy's pledge \$5.00, total \$7.95. Total amount pledged by churches \$134.00. Grand total \$141.95.

On the subject of General Education, the Association was ably addressed by brethren J. B. Brewer, F. P. Hobgood and E. E. Hilliard.

The Association was adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. L. Finch. Benediction by Rev. C. A. Jenkins.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1893.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Moore from 9:30 to 10 a. m.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 10 a. m.

The Report on Temperance was read by Rev. Benj. Ward, and adopted as follows :

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is a great evil. Even the moderate use of intoxicants by our members, prevents a bright Christian light from shining. It kills our Christian influence; it is a curse to the Church, and a stumbling block to the world. We, your Committee, therefore, earnestly recommend that some steps be taken by the pastors and Churches of this Association to prohibit even the moderate use of liquor among our brethren.

Respectfully submitted,  
BENJ. WARD, Chairman.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. A. L. Stough, and after being discussed by brethren Stough, Ford, and Whitty was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The subject of Foreign Missions is well worthy, in itself, of our serious consideration, and especially appropriate to the occasion which assembles us here. We are here in the interest of the Church which has enlisted the noblest attributes of God himself, and cost the greatest sacrifice that heav-

en could make. The Church that was instituted among men and designed for the conversion of the world. This is the great object of her establishment, the first and leading business of her organization Matt. 28:19-20.

The Apostles were Missionaries, and the Church as a Missionary institution prayed for their success, supported them, and had the Church continued in this good work, the banner of the gospel would now be waving triumphantly over the entire habitable globe. How strange after the lapse of so many years since the Church was organized to find so many of our people have yet to learn that the heathen are lost without the gospel, and that the obligation to give the gospel to the heathen is laid upon us, by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps what is needed more than anything else, is *faith*.—Faith in God—Faith in his promises—Faith in the great Head of the Church. Faith in Missions—faith in our Boards of Missions.

How can we be so faithless? Why we have everything to encourage and urge us on in the work of Missions. The wants of a dying world, the nature of the gospel, the principle of benevolence, the pledge of success, the seal of God upon all past efforts, and the cheering aspect of enterprise that honors God, and blesses man, an enterprise in which Angels might wish to bear a humble part, the progress of which is intensely engaged upon all the good on earth, and all the perfected in glory, and the completion of which will fill the world with songs of blessedness, and heaven with shouts of triumph. Then let us stand up like men, upon whom the vows of God rest, to whom the eyes of perishing millions are directed, and whose hearts have taken hold on the interests of eternity, and then do as Christ's conscience would have us, then shall our fervent spirits enjoy communion with the Father of Spirits, and prepare us to join the general assembly of the saved, where they shall be gathered together in glory from the North, from the South, from the East and the West, from the four winds of heaven.

A. L. Stough, Chairman.

The Report on Home Missions was read by C. A. Jenkins and after being discussed by brethren E. E. Hilliard and C. A. Jenkins was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board embraces all the territory occupied by the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Island of Cuba besides. In this vast field, there are more than 20,000,000 people. In round numbers, 7,000,000 of these are negroes, 1,500,000 Cubans, and 60,000 Indians.

As facts are said to be the fingers of God, the following statistics are submitted, taken from the last report of the Board, showing the work of the Board for the past Conventional year.

Missionaries.....	368
Weeks of Labor.....	14,014
Churches and Stations.....	1,482
Sermons and addresses.....	38,007
Prayer Meetings.....	12,594
Baptisms.....	5,111
Received by letter.....	4,493
Total additions.....	9,604
Sunday Schools organized.....	412
Teachers and pupils.....	16,611
Religious visits.....	54,134
Churches constituted.....	155

Houses of worship built.....	92
Bibles and Testaments.....	1,748
Pages of tracts distributed.....	919,587

The Board has paid the debt with which it began the year, \$22,854.39 on the house of worship in Havana, has increased its Mission work, and reports a balance of \$2,784.41 in its treasury. Its total cash receipts for the year have been \$106,989.58, of which \$29,373.40 have been expended in Church buildings.

The work among the colored people has been most encouraging, while that in Cuba has been phenomenal.

Among the white people, embracing an ever increasing foreign population, the beneficent fruits of the Board have been felt in all the States. Perhaps no field on earth more loudly calls for our prayers and our means, and none that promises a richer harvest. Persons who desire literature on the subject, will find *Our Home Field*, published by the Board at Atlanta, Ga., and the minutes of the S. B. Convention suited to their purposes.

C. A. JENKINS,  
Chairman of Committee.

On roll call of churches the following pledges were made for 1894.

Churches	Home	Foreign	Churches	Home	Foreign
Antioch.....	\$ 5 00	\$12 00	LaGrange.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00
Ayden.....	2 00	1 00	Mt. Calvary.....	5 00	2 50
Beaufort.....	5 00	10 00	Morehead City.....	10 00	20 00
Bayboro.....	1 00	1 50	Moore's Chapel.....	1 00	1 00
Cool Springs.....	1 00	1 00	New Bern.....	25 00	25 00
Cove.....	1 00	1 00	Pollocksville.....	5 00	5 00
Christian Hope.....	1 00	1 00	Piney Grove (J).....	5 00	5 00
Capernaum.....	1 00	1 00	Piney " (O).....	2 00	2 00
Davis Shore.....	2 00	2 00	Smyrna.....	1 50	1 50
Eureka.....	1 00	1 00	Seven Springs.....	1 00	1 00
Emmaus.....	1 00	1 00	Trenton.....	1 00	1 00
Ft. Barnwell.....		3 00	Union.....	1 00	1 00
Falling Creek.....	5 00	5 00	Vandemere.....	1 00	1 00
1st Goldsboro.....	35 00	35 00			
2nd Goldsboro.....	2 50	2 50	Total.....	\$142 50	\$169 00
Kinston.....	15 00	20 00			

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. C. J. Rivenbark and after being discussed by him was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee is delighted to report that within the past year renewed energy has come into this branch of the ministry of the Word. The people as they have obeyed the word and teachings of the *Holy Spirit* have aroused us to the importance of this work. From the annexed comparative table 1875 to 1893 it will be observed that North Carolina stands third in attendance upon S. S. Delaware and Florida taking the lead. This is encouraging to us as North Carolinians, but when we take into considerations that within our borders there is quite four hundred thousand children between the ages of six and twenty that do not attend our Schools, the situation is appalling and calls for the best efforts of our most consecrated

people. Visit our Sunday Schools and as you look into the faces of those gathered there we fail to see the boys and girls of 16 to 25 and the men and women of 30 to 60—where are they and why are they not there? The boys and girls of 16 to 25 have gone to the *world* because they were not led to God earlier and the men and women of mature years have grown too old to teach and disciple the nations, but are not themselves too old to go to Heaven. Awake thou that sleepest and be converted; there is a work for you to do. In this work there are three things that confront us; viz. First, Is it well with the child? Second, What manner of child shall this child be? Third, Is the young Absalom safe?

The Sunday School like the prayer meeting is no side issue, but is or should be the life of the Church. The Lord puts good timber into our hands, and we need, as officers and teachers, men and women who love and fear God; men and women who are believers and not professors only; men and women that are indeed alive to the welfare of souls. We would recommend that every Sunday School organize a Teachers' meeting for we need to heed Paul's injunction to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15. We would further recommend that the Sunday School be made an object of special prayer at the Church services and around the family altar and that our pastors take a greater interest in this work of saving souls. Help us, Deut; 31:12 "Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and (observe) to do all the words of this law; and that their children, (which have not known anything) may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God."

Respectfully submitted,  
C. J. RIVENBARK, Chairman.

The Committee on Place and Preacher submitted the following report:

Your Committee respectfully recommend, that this body meet with the Baptist Church at Antioch, Pitt Co., and that Rev. C. A. Jenkins preach the introductory Sermon; Rev. J. H. Hedin, Alternate.

M. S. WEBB,  
J. R. GRANTHAM,  
G. W. PARKER,  
Committee.

The Report on the Executive Board was read by Rev. J. H. Vernon and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee to nominate a new Executive Board, recommend, that the present Board be retained and that pastors and people cordially co-operate with them.

J. H. VERNON,  
G. E. JACKSON,  
Committee.

The Report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and State Convention was read by Rev. Benj. Ward and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DELEGATES.

The Committee to nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and State Convention, recommend for Southern Convention Rev. C. A.

Jenkins; and that any members of any of the Churches of this Association who may attend the State Convention, be regarded as delegates.

Respectfully submitted,  
BENJ. WARD, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Finance was read by Clerk and adopted.

Bro. Duffie introduced the following:

I. Resolved, That we view the holding of a representative meeting of the "Women's Mission Societies in connection with the next session of the Atlantic Association with pleasure, and that we invite them hereafter to furnish us a brief Report of their annual meetings for publication in the minutes.

II. Moved, That the matter of formulating some plan for enlisting the Sunday Schools in the Association in the Work of Missions, be referred to the Executive Board of the Association with the request, that after arguing upon a plan, they submit it to the Superintendents of the various Schools in the bounds of the Association. Adopted.

Moved, That the Clerk be paid ten dollars for his services, and that the remainder of the minute fund be used in printing and distributing the minutes according to the money sent up from the churches.

A collection, to supplement the Minute Fund, was taken up which amounted to \$9.61.

Moved, That the Treasurer of the Association be authorized to pay the money in his hands to the proper persons.

Bro. Ford introduced the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their hospitality during the session of this body.

On account of the harmony and religious feeling which marked the proceedings of the Association, Bro. Ford thought that God should be thanked especially for his great love and tender mercies toward us. The Association most heartily approved of Bro. Ford's suggestion, and the Moderator called on him to lead the Association in prayer. This he earnestly did.

After the singing of the hymn "God be with you 'till we meet again" the Association adjourned, to meet with the Antioch Baptist Church, Pitt county, on Tuesday after the second Lord's Day in October, 1894.

Benediction by A. L. Stough.

J. T. ALBRITTON,  
J. B. WILLIAMS, SR., CLERK.  
MODERATOR.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. WHITTY,

In account with Atlantic Baptist Association.

Oct. 13, 1893.

To Balance on hand			
" Amt. rec'd during the year from	Indv'l Pledges—S. Missions	\$ 637.47	
" "	Jones Co. Field	208.45	
" "	"	45.67	
" "	Un. Meet. Bayboro	7.21	
" "	Bayboro Church	1.10	
" "	Smyrna	5.00	
" "	New Bern	24.69	
" "	Kinston	25.00	
" "	Union M. at Maysville	9.86	
" "	Oregon Church	1.00	
" "	Union at Smyrna	12.32	
" "	Bay Creek Church F.	1.25	
" "	H.	.56	
" "	Bayboro Church F.	1.57	
" "	Cash Coll. Min. Edu. st Asso.	2.95	
Oct. 13, 1893.			
" Amt. rec'd from Finance Committee at Association, S. Mission	281.50		
" "	H.	107.00	
" "	F.	139.50	
" "	Orphanage	8.41	
" "	Minute F.	23.68	
" "	Ministerial F	89.25	
			\$1644.44

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By cash paid J. H. Vernon, Missionary	\$293.27
" " G. L. Finch,	185.00
" " J. W. Nobles,	137.00
" " D. F. Amans,	30.00
" " Benj. Ward	118.15
" " T. J. Leary,	89.00
" " T. J. Leary, Colport.	11.00
" " J. H. Hibberth, Missionary	100.06
" " B. H. Matthews,	62.32
" " R. D. Carroll	40.00
" " sent J. D. Boushall for Ministerial Education	82.50
" " " " Home Missions	45.52
" " " " Foreign Missions	48.00
" " J. H. Mills " Orphanage	3.85
" " paid G. L. Finch " Seven Springs Church	10.00
" " J. H. Mills at Association	8.41
" " J. B. Williams, Clerk, for Minutes and services	22.68
	\$1286.76
	\$ 357.68

Balance in hands of Treasurer October 13, 1893.

J. C. WHITTY, Treasurer.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

## Vol Statistics.

COMPARATIVE TABLE. 1825—1850.

	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS	MEMBERSHIP
1. BALTIMORE, 1878.		
United States.....	64,871	6,448,748
Canada.....	4,801	367,128
2. ATLANTA, 1878.		
United States.....	96,046	7,257,134
Canada.....	3,365	261,659
3. TORONTO, 1881.		
United States.....	84,780	7,258,119
British America.....	5,649	386,342
4. LOUISVILLE, 1884.		
United States.....	38,323	4,712,863
British America.....	5,213	433,477
5. CHICAGO, 1887.		
United States.....	99,880	9,156,727
British America.....	6,448	481,921
6. PITTSBURG, 1890.		
United States.....	108,529	9,800,471
British America.....	7,000	555,199
7. St. Louis, 1898.		
United States.....	120,178	11,024,371
British America.....	8,345	670,826

Percentage for United States	37.5
Alaska	8.1
Percentages for United States	37.5

canada

Toronto	20.0	New Brunswick	1.1
Quebec	3.2	Prince Edward Is.	12.3
Nova Scotia	18.0	Manitoba	4.9
Percentage for Canada			18.5

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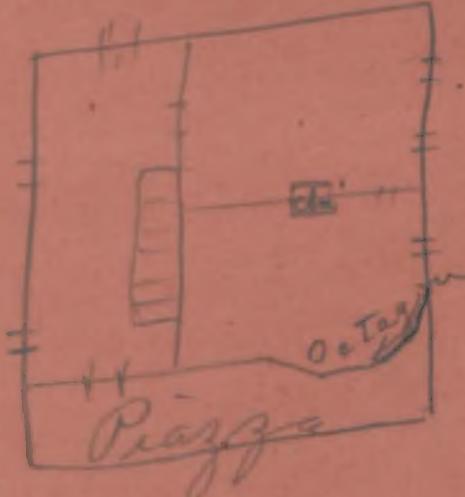
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